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Response to Election

1. The reply filed on October 10, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicant, while responding in full to the restriction requirement as presented in paragraphs 1 through 3 of Paper No. 3 mailed on September 10, 2002, has failed to respond to the election of species requirement as presented in paragraph 4 of the same. Refer to Paper No. 3 for more information. Also see 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Since the reply filed on October 10, 2002 has been entered in the file, the response to the instant Office communication should be a supplemental response, and NOT a substitute response to Paper No. 3 mailed on September 10, 2002.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric, whose telephone number is (703) 308-3925.

While she works a flexible schedule that varies from day to day and from week to week, Examiner Ciric may generally be reached at the Office during the work week between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Bennett, can be reached on (703) 308-0101. The fax phone number is (703) 305-3463.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "LVCiric".

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